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TO

Richard Steele Esq;

SIR,

THE Design of the following piece is to pay a just Honour to those great Spirits, who are now acting for the Liberties of their Fellow-Citi-

Citizens and Mankind, by applying to them what *Horace* has ſaid of the old *Grecian* Warriors, and diſtinguiſhing their Characters after the manner of that Poet.

To purſue this Model with the greater truth, and for the ſtricter imitation of the Author before me, it was neceſſary to form certain Imaginary Heroes; the chief of theſe is *Mago*, by which name no perſon in the whole World can be underſtood, unleſs you will ſuppoſe the *Fr---h K--g*; but That is ridiculous, and *Mago* might as well ſtand for a Prime

Prime Miniſter in *G---t Br----n.*

Another imaginary Perſon I have introduced is the Genius of *England*: There is ſomething ſo very great and noble in the Idea of this Character, that it may ſeem difficult to fix it any where with Propriety; but You, Sir, have acted the Part with ſo great Applauſe from the Publick, that You may, without a bluſh, permit me to point You out by that deſerved diſtinction.

There is nothing further which needs any comment, the Ode explains itſelf,

For

For the reſt, Sir, This addreſs is no other than the Acknowledgment of a *Briton* full of Sentiments of Gratitude for Him, to whoſe Heroick and Seaſonable Zeal is in a great meaſure owing what progreſs has been made in the Demolition of *Dunkirk*: That part of the late Treaty ſeemed to lye neglected, when by a bold but happy exertion of great Talents, Proof was given, what the Spirit of this Nation is, what the Reſentments of our Countrymen awakened to a juſt Senſe of Injuries, either done or intended them.

A Service of ſuch importance calls for the Applauſe of a whole People, at leaſt I will dare even at this time, to beſtow this honeſt Praiſe: Every good Man wiſhed well to, and every brave Heart panted for the Well-fare of *Ariſtides*, tho' in Diſgrace, tho' baniſhed by the Rage and Madneſs of the infatuated *Athenians*. I am with a very profound Reſpect,

SIR

Your very Devoted

Humble Servant.

A Service of such importance calls for the Applause of a whole People, at least I will dare even at this time, to bellow this honest Praise: Every good Man wished well to, and every brave Heart panted for the Welfare of Mifridates, tho' in Disgrace, tho' banished by the Rage and Madness of the inflamated Athenians. I am with a very profound Respect,

SIR

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IN

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Lib. I. Carm. Ode XV.

WHen MAGO, learn'd in deep Deceit,
Sent out a Well-appointed Fleet,
To waft young TITAN croſs the Seas;

Albi-

Paſtor cùm traheret per freta navibus
Idæis Helenam perfidus hoſpitam,

Albion's immortal Genius roſe,
And thus, Prophetick, did diſcloſe,
Th' Eternal Fate's Decrees.
Luckleſs, and in an Evil Hour
You land him on the *S----ſh* Shore,
'Gainſt whom the *B---ns* Swear to Arm,
Determin'd with Confederate Hearts,
To baffle *Bo----n's* antient Arts;
And break the Treacherous Charm.

With

Ingrato celeres obruit otio
Ventos, ut caneret fera
Nereus Fata. Mala ducis avi domum,
Quam multo repetet Græcia milite,
Conjurata tuas rumpere Nuptias,
Et regnum Priami Vetus.

With what a dreadful Train of Ills,
This black Attempt thy Country fills!
What Fields of Blood and Death appear!
Lo! *Pallas*, CH——LL's Heavenly Guide,
Uprears her creſted Head with Pride,
And Shakes the threatning Spear.
In vain on MAGICK you'll depend,
In vain you'll wave the Conjurer's Wand;
Not all the JUGGLING TRICKS of State,

Nor

Eheu, quantus equis, quantus adeſt viris
Sudor! Quanta moves funera Dardanæ
Genti! Jam galeam Pallas et ægida,
Curruſque, et rabiem parat.
Nequicquam Veneris præſidio ferox,
Pectes cæſariem: grataque fœminis

Nor SHRUGS, nor NODS, nor Wiſe GRIMACE,
Nor your AGLAURA's Dear Embrace,
Can ſave from Preſſing Fate.

In vain you'll ſtudy to evade
The *B----ſh* Steel and *Ger----n* Blade,
And WHAR——N, reſtleſs to purſue

Th'

Imbelli citharâ carmina divides.
Nequicquam thalamo graves
Haſtas, et calami ſpicula Gnoſſij

Vitabis, Strepitumque, et celerem ſequi
Ajacem.———

Th' Invaders of his Country's Laws.

This Guilt undoubted Vengeance draws

On thy perfidious Brow.

Have you not heard of Cow——R's Skill,

To warm the Heart and bend the Will,

Talents to your Deſtruction born?

Is Som——Rs's Wiſe experienc'd Age,

Neſtorien Som——Rs, Bri——N's Sage,

The Object of Your Scorn?

St——le,

——Tamen, heu, ſerus adulteros
Crines pulvere collines.
Non Laertiaden, exitium tuæ
Gentis, non Pylium Neſtora reſpicis?

ST—LE, WAL——LE, LEC——RE, Heroes all,
With Dauntless Virtue urge thy Fall!

STA—PE, whom Wreaths of Victory grace,
Nor in calm Senates less admir'd,
With Love of Godlike Freedom fir'd,
Pants in the glorious Chase.

Urgent impavidi te Salaminius
Teucerque, et Stenelus Sciens
Pugnæ, sive opus est imperitare equis,
Non auriga piger.

Falſe wily MAGO, truſt me too,
In H——MER you ſhall find a Foe.
See! brave ARG—LE calls forth his Fire,
ARG—LE decreed to higher State,
And of a more propitious Fate,
Then was his Noble Sire.

As timorous Hinds their Herbage leave
And panting flye, when they perceive
A Wolf with greedy Pace advance:

C So

——————Merionem quoque
Noſces. Ecce furit te reperire atrox
Tydides Melior Patre:
Quem tu, cervus uti Vallis in alterâ

So Thou, if Verſe can Truth preſage,
Shalt fly from thy *wrong'd Country's* Rage,
Not ſuch thy Boaſts to FR—NCE.

The Force of BR—N's evil Star
And *ſtrong Deluſions*, nurs'd with Care
Retard a while the Vengeance juſt;

But

Viſum parte Lupum, graminis immemor
Sublimi fugies Mollis anhelitu,
Non hoc pollicitus tuæ.
Iracunda diem proferet Ilio

But when th'enchanted Scene is o're
And Reaſon reaſſumes her Power,
Fall, TRAYTOR, fall you muſt.

Matroniſque Phrygum claſſis Achillei.
Poſt certas hyemes uret Achaicus
Ignis Iliacas Domos.

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